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Ali Bogoreh. Bogoreh agreed that the UNSC meeting in Nairobi was historic and showed the commitment of the International Community. He added that this meeting also showed the commitment of the Sudanese government to finding a final solution. He posed the question whether it would be wise to encourage Sudan to pursue a good path or to continue condemning it. Bogoreh said Djibouti would wait to see how the vote on the procedural motion went, then decide on the EU's resolution. He added Djibouti was in a delicate situation because Sudan is a friend and partner in IGAD. Bogoreh said that Djibouti should be very discreet when taking actions. Pol/Econ countered that the intent of the request for support on the EU resolution was to reinforce the message given by the Security Council and show the international community was fully committed to supporting the establishment of peace and stability in Sudan. Bogoreh replied that peace is essential to Sudan, human rights as well, but Djibouti would wait and see on the resolution.

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